

invention is not limited to the details shown and described herein, and includes all such changes and modifications as encompassed by the scope of the appended claims.

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An estrus indicator adapted to be secured to the rump of a first animal for indicating when the first animal is in heat, the apparatus comprising:
 - a first adhesive layer configured for affixing the apparatus to the first animal;
 - an indicator layer; and
 - a floodcoat layer removably affixed to the indicator layer and adapted for removal by a second animal upon mounting of the first animal by the second animal.
2. The indicator of claim 1 further including a second adhesive layer positioned over the floodcoat layer and a liner positioned over the second adhesive layer.
3. The indicator of claim 1 wherein the floodcoat layer is removably affixed to the indicator layer by a peel off configuration.
4. The indicator of claim 1 wherein the floodcoat layer configured to be removed from the indicator layer via friction.
5. The indicator of claim 1 wherein the indicator layer is a vinyl layer.
6. The indicator of claim 1 wherein the indicator layer is a crystal foil.
7. The indicator of claim 1 wherein the floodcoat layer is adapted to be removed only upon the application of a predetermined pressure caused by a second animal mounting the first animal.
8. An apparatus for supplying a plurality of estrus indicators apparatuses adapted to be secured to the rump of a first animal for indicating when the first animal is in heat, the apparatus comprising:
 - a plurality of estrus indicators wherein each indicator further comprises a first adhesive layer configured for affixation to the first animal, an indicator layer, and a floodcoat layer removably affixed to the indicator layer and adapted for removal by a second animal upon mounting of the first animal by the second animal; and
 - a base for holding the plurality of indicators;
 - wherein the plurality of indicators are configured as a single sheet.
9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the base is a cylinder and the sheet is rolled on the cylinder.

10. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the plurality of indicators are separated by a perforation between each adjacent indicator.

11. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the plurality of indicators are configured for separation by cutting the sheet into indicators sized as desired.

12. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the base is a planar surface.

13. An estrus indicator adapted to be secured to the rump of a first animal for indicating when the first animal is in heat, the apparatus comprising:

- a first adhesive layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, the adhesive layer being configured for affixing the apparatus to the first animal;

- a removable liner attached to the bottom surface of the adhesive layer;

- a crystal foil indicator layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, the indicator layer being positioned on the top surface of the adhesive layer; and

- a floodcoat layer removably affixed to the indicator layer and adapted for peel off removal upon the application of a predetermined amount of pressure as applied by a second animal upon mounting of the first animal by the second animal.

14. An apparatus for supplying a plurality of estrus indicators apparatuses adapted to be secured to the rump of a first animal for indicating when the first animal is in heat, the apparatus comprising:

- a plurality of estrus indicators wherein each indicator further comprises a first adhesive layer configured for affixation to the first animal, an indicator layer, and a floodcoat layer removably affixed to the indicator layer and adapted for removal by a second animal upon mounting of the first animal by the second animal; and

- a cylinder for holding the plurality of indicators;

- wherein the plurality of indicators are configured as a single sheet, the sheet being rolled on the cylinder to produce a roll of indicator layers wherein the indicator sheet may be cut into indicators sized as desired.